Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* A Poll, Sir.

Ayes

(1) Mrs. T. Francis
(2) Mr. P. Govinda Menon
(3) Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan
(4) Mr. P. Achyuta Menon
(5) Mr. P. T. Jacob
(6) Mr. C. S. Panickar
(7) Mr. P. K. Paul
(8) Mr. P. Sankara Menon
(9) Mr. M. K. Raja
(10) Mr. M. I. Paul
(11) Mr. Dara Singh
(12) Mr. P. Meni
(13) Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan
(14) Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon
(15) Mr. K. S. Panickar
(16) Mr. Jos K. Verghese
(17) Mr. P. A. Mohammed Ashrof
(18) Mr. T. K. L. Kunju Varied
(19) Mr. K. I. Velayudhan
(20) Mr. P. V. Sebastian
(21) Mr. M. O. Thomakutty
(22) Mr. Shabdai S. Koder
(23) Dr. S. S. Rao
(24) Mr. P. E. Warne
(25) Mr. S. P. Luiz
(26) Mr. K. K. Kannan
(27) Mr. K. Kochukuttan
(28) Mr. Raghavan
(29) Rama Varmha Tampuran
(30) Rao Sahib Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu
(31) Mr. C. J. Mathew
(32) Mr. B. V. K. Menon
(33) Mr. M. Sivarama Menon
(34) Mr. S. Venkiteswaran
(35) Rao Sahib M. M. Paul
(36) Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael
(37) Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon

Noes

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan

Mr. President: 38 for and one against.

Motion put and carried

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the (1) Bill as amended be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council. The Village Court Conference has passed a resolution to the effect that provision should be made in the Village Courts Act for the presentation of plaints to the President instead of to the Village Court itself, since there may be necessity to file them even on days when the court is not sitting. Clause 2 of the Bill accordingly provides that plaints may be presented to the President. Provision is also made in this clause for the presentation of the plaint to the clerk of the court since a contingency may arise when the court will not be sitting and the President also be not available. By another resolution passed at the conference it has been pointed out that it is necessary to authorise the President or the Judges present to adjourn the case and bind over the witnesses present when the hearing of the case has to be adjourned either because the day happens to be declared a public holiday or there is no quorum. Clause 3 of the Bill incorporates the necessary provision in this behalf. It has been reported that the Village Courts are not following a uniform procedure in the matter of awarding interest on costs. It is desirable to expressly provide in the Village Courts Act itself that the court may award interest not exceeding six per cent on costs, on the lines of the provision contained in the Civil Procedure Code. Provision for this has been made in clause 4 of the Bill.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council:—The Title of the Bill is(2) The Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I request that the President may be pleased to suspend S. O. No. 32.

Mr. President: Yes.

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1 Appendix II.
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Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move that the Bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Clause 2 put and carried.

Clause 3 and 4 put and carried.

Clause 1 put and carried.

Title and Preamble put and carried.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, in pursuance of the enouncement made by His Highness the Maharaja and the decision taken to appoint one more Minister, it has become necessary to amend the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act. I request that the House may be pleased to grant me permission to introduce the amendment Bill.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I request that the President may be pleased to suspend S. O. No. 32 and allow the Bill to be taken into consideration.

Mr. President: Yes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I move that the (1) Bill may be taken up for consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Clauses 2 and 3 put and carried.

Clause 1 put and carried.

Title and preamble put and carried.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The purpose of the Bill is to do away with the system of collecting toll fees at the toll gates established by Government and the several Municipal Councils on vehicles using the roads maintained by the Public Works Department of the Government and the Municipal Councils. It cannot be denied that this system causes trouble and inconvenience if not amounting to a regular nuisance to the people using these

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1 Appendix IV.

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